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## Real estate boom ends

House sales in Didsbury fall by 45 per cent in 2008

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN  
*Didsbury Review*

There were a lot fewer "Sold" signs in front of Didsbury homes last year than the year before, according to recent Multiple Listing Service (MLS) statistics.

MLS listing statistics indicate that only about 71 homes were sold through the service in Didsbury in 2008 compared to 130 in 2007, a decrease of 45 per cent. The number does not include mobile home sales by owners or other private arrangements.

This is in part a reflection of higher gas prices over much of the year, suggests local Royal LePage realtor Mel Cruthers, noting that Didsbury is one of Calgary's "commuter communities," typically attracting those who work in the city, but prefer to live in a smaller centre.

However, according to Cruthers, higher gas prices in 2008 might have made city dwellers less willing to purchase a house in Didsbury and make the commute.

"Gas pricing really, really hurt our ability to appeal to a commuter market," he says. "I don't think there's a realtor in town that hasn't had a listing drop \$50,000."

That's one possible cause for the drop in sales, but not the only factor, says Allan Reed of Front Porch Realty.

"We haven't always seen a direct correlation with [gas prices] but it certainly is a definite possibility with some of the other factors involved," he says, adding that the current housing market appears to be returning to a normal pattern following several boom years.

Historically, in January and early February sales

have been slow before heating up end of February and into March.

"That was the norm before the boom time, and I suspect we're going to get back into that kind of a routine for a bit," says Reed.

Worsening economic conditions may be another factor, says Cruthers, noting that it's important for realtors to make sure their clients are well-informed and understand the current situation.

Potential sellers should realize that the once super-heated market is starting to cool and house prices are beginning to dip from previous levels.

"That's not today's market, that's changed," says Cruthers, noting that the market has been helped by the Bank of Canada's recent cutting of its prime lending rate from 1.5 per cent to an all-time low of one per cent to stimulate

spending on items such as houses.

"If you have a \$300,000 [mortgage], you're going to save \$3,000 a year in interest," says Cruthers. "It's a lot of money."

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MARK PHILLIPS  
*Didsbury home seller*

One of those currently trying to sell a house in Didsbury is Rick Phillips, whose two-bedroom bungalow had been on the market for about one week as of Feb. 3.

"The market is...rather

stagnant, but things are selling, so we're hoping it'll sell," he says.

The escalation of house prices, which is now starting to correct, also had an impact on area home-builders, some of whom were forced to significantly cut prices in order to sell their inventory of houses.

As the cost of both land and building materials went up, many people were led to buy an existing house rather than building a new one.

"People started looking at other alternatives, obviously the retail market," says Dreamwood Homes president Gord Kerr, adding that this is unlikely to change in the early stages of 2009.

However, Kerr anticipates that the number of renovations will increase, as homeowners look to remodel their current houses rather than moving

"People will do that more and more because they'll look at staying in the market they're in," he explains. "Certainly that will help that way."

Because his company has been building at a relatively steady pace over the past years, Kerr doesn't foresee any major difficulties for his company.

"We're still optimistic. We never looked at the original market as being a really good market anyway," he says.

Valley West Homes president Mark Fruson is similarly confident.

His company is constructing homes in Didsbury's new Deer Coulee Ranch subdivision, which was opened in January 2008. About two-thirds of the lots have already been sold.

"Sales are brisk," says Fruson. "I'm very happy with the market."



**GOING UP** - Rob Morgan of Big Horn Builders works on the construction of a five-unit townhouse currently being built west of the Didsbury Museum.

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# Cervi busts relationship myths

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN  
*Didsbury Review*

A group of local residents laughed and learned some life lessons about relationships last Thursday evening.

The source of both the mirth and the meaningful messages was Ralph Cervi, a retired RCMP officer and current program manager with the Crisis Centre in Reed Deer, as he talked about how to create healthy relationships.

"The myth about relationships is that somewhere out there is my soulmate," Cervi told an audience of about 35 people at Didsbury's Zion Church. "I'm going to rely on the other person and it's their job to make me happy."

To kick off the discussion of what constitutes a healthy relationship, Cervi asked the audience members which qualities they would look for in an ideal friend or partner.

Respect was among the first characteristics mentioned.

"You need to think about what respect means to you," said Cervi, adding that you can't expect to be treated a certain way unless you know what your expectations are and are able to communicate them.

Two other key aspects of a healthy relationship mentioned by the audience were faithfulness and dependability.

"Once trust is broken, it's really tough – if at all possible – to get it back," said Cervi.

Furthermore, to effectively rebuild trust, we must "forgive to the point of never bringing it up again," he said.

Communication is another critical component of a healthy relationship and men and women communicate at different levels, said Cervi.

While women often communicate at an emotional level and often just want someone to talk to about a problem, men are more likely to communicate at a physical level and may attempt to 'fix' the problem rather than merely listening, Cervi indicated.

"You're not going to have a great relationship if the only time you listen to [your sig-

nificant other] is between periods of a hockey game," he warned.

In addition, when someone asks if something is bothering you, Cervi suggested that people say, "I don't want to talk about it right now," rather than "Nothing," if they don't want to discuss it at that moment. The latter response can prompt the questioner to dig further, potentially resulting in a hostile situation.

Jealousy can harm a relationship and tells the other person, 'I don't trust you,' said Cervi. It also indicates a lack of self-esteem, he noted.

"It's a choice to be jealous," he said, adding that everything we do and the people we attract is dependent on the choices that we make.

He illustrated this point with an example from his childhood.

"I was six years old when my [alcoholic] dad hit my mom for the first time," said Cervi.

It was then that he made the decision never to drink any alcohol, a choice that he has stuck with throughout his life.

Peer pressure can only affect you if you haven't yet made up your mind on your values and morals, Cervi said.

However, those types of decisions require some thinking ahead personal conviction.

"You can't just cross that bridge when [you] get to it," he said.

His sister was the person who "yelled the loudest" at his father, but soon ended adopting many of the same bad habits because she never put any effort into consciously changing her own life, said Cervi, remarking that "we stand a nine out of ten chance of being exactly like our parents."

However, a lasting transformation can't be imposed on another person, indicated Cervi, who told the story of his alcoholic father was twice prodded by his family into taking a detoxification program, but eventually relapsed on both occasions.

However, on the third attempt, his father was successful, because this time he sought the treatment out of his own free will, Cervi said.

"Don't ever think you're going to change a person," he cautioned, because attempting to force change on another person will often only make things worse. "They will only change when they make the choice to change."

Ultimately, people should first focus on

examining themselves and developing positive characteristics, recommended Cervi.

"Every single one of you is like a birthday present with legs," he said, noting that it is what's inside people that allows for healthy relationships.

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Tim DenOudsten/Didsbury Review

**IDEAS** - Red Deer Crisis Centre program manager Ralph Cervi asks audience members to name qualities that they would look for in the ideal friend or partner during a seminar at the Zion Church on Thursday.

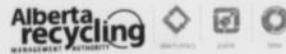
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## Myths

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"That's really what it's all about," he said. Cervi's talk, entitled "Relationship Myth Busters," was hosted by "Vision for Non-Violence," a joint committee of Didsbury and Carstairs that is partially funded by the provincial Family Violence Prevention program.

"[Cervi] deals with issues of violence...in a positive way," said committee member Colin Creighton. "I'm happy with the turnout; we had a pretty good cross-section of people."

"I thought it was great; powerful," said Didsbury resident Rose Snow of the presentation. "I learned a lot."



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**WINGS AND FEATHERS** — Jaeden Cameron leads her classmates in a song about the intricacies of having wings and feathers rather than jumping legs during a Ross Ford production of Once Upon A Lily Pad, Friday.

## Q & A With Ralph Cervi

**Q: When did you start giving talks about healthy relationships?**

A: I started my last few years in the RCMP. I was the school police officer and went through three high schools in Red Deer so I had the opportunity to do a lot of teaching, more toward policing stuff at that point.

When I retired the Sexual Assault [Services Crisis] Centre in Red Deer asked if I would teach the program so now I had a chance to research in a whole different venue and that's where I am today.

**Q: Why do you do it? A:** Look at the people [that were] in here; heads were nodding. Some of them were really thinking about possibly things that they could change in their

life. Nothing that I'm talking about is rocket science. A lot of the time it's just bringing it out so people can say, "Yeah, that's a good point."

**Q: Part of your own story included dealing with some of this stuff. [Cervi's father was an alcoholic.] Did that affect your decision to get involved with the Crisis Centre?**

A: Absolutely, that made my decision even wanting to become a police officer, because of some of the issues I saw growing up, so, yeah, it played a huge role.

**Q: You use a humorous approach to address some serious issues.**

A: As a kid growing up, I hated being in classes where the teachers were

just like, [makes droning noise]. You come in here, do a little bit of humour and people listen to you. If I would have come in here and just done a straight lecture on its own, I would have lost people in the first five minutes. It's a good thing.

**Q: Why is it important to address relationship issues?**

A: Because if we don't, then nothing will change and if nothing changes, then we kind of stay stuck and more people will continue to be abused and their kids are going to grow up in the same manner and the cycle just continues. But if we can get this generation to say, "You know what, I don't want it to be this way anymore," then the kids can grow up in a home that is stable and happy, most of the time.

**Name that love song**  
**Congratulations to Martina Halwass**  
who has won the "Name that love song" contest and received the \$100 prize!

### Answer Key

- A. RED, RED, WINE - UB40
- #8. MOUNTAIN VIEW LIQUOR & BEER
- B. SMALL TOWN - JOHN COUGAR MELLENCAMP
- #16. TOWN OF DIDSBUY
- C. CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU - FRANK VALLI
- #12. FOR SIGHT VISION CENTER
- D. LIFE'S A GAS - T-REX
- #3. DIDSBURY ESSO
- E. SUGAR, SUGAR - THE ARCHIES
- #18. AG FOODS
- F. PUPPY LOVE - THE OSMONDS
- #14. KREBS VET
- G. YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL - JOE COCKER
- #20. CUT 'N' LOOSE
- H. I LOVE A RAINY NIGHT - EDDIE RABBIT
- #11. WANDER WASH
- I. LADY IN RED - CHRIS DEBURGH
- #9. POTENTIALS
- J. HEART OF GOLD - NEIL YOUNG
- #2. ULLA-LA BOUTIQUE

- K. IF - BREAD
- #10. GUILDED GALLERY
- L. HOOKED ON A FEELING - BJ THOMAS
- #5. RES Q TOWING
- M. I'M IN LOVE WITH MY CAR - QUEEN
- #11. GTA
- N. BAD CASE OF LOVING YOU - ROBERT PALMER
- #7. SILVERFERN MEDICAL CLINIC
- O. EVERGREEN - BARBARA STREISAND
- #15. FOR TREES
- P. LOVE LETTERS IN THE SAND - PAT BOONE
- #17. TANAS CONCRETE
- Q. IT FEELS LIKE HOME - CHANTAL KREVIAZUK
- #4. DREAMWOOD HOMES
- R. CAN'T FEEL ME LOVE - THE BEATLES
- #19. ATI FINANCIAL
- S. LISTEN TO THE RHYTHM OF THE FALLIN' RAIN - THE CASCADES
- #6. BALANCE CARE HEARING
- T. GOOD VIBRATIONS - THE BEACH BOYS
- #13. REVIBE

## Annexation 'a good thing for the community': landowner

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN  
*Didsbury Review*

The annexing of nearly 15 quarter sections by the Town of Didsbury is a primarily positive move, according to one pair of residents affected by the recent announcement.

"This is a good thing for the community," said landowner Bill Windsor, who owns a portion of land to the south of town that includes the site of the recent Rosebud Run sled dog race.

"The community needs to have the land to grow and especially in the industrial side. The industrial side definitely has to be accommodated," he said.

The completion of the annexation process also means that farmers that have been waiting to develop land will soon be able to begin pursuing that process, noted Bill's wife, Kathleen.

"They're so anxious to get on with things, and now they can," she said.

Although Bill indicated that he had some concerns about animal licensing, he added that "the town and the county did a pretty good job educating us as to what this was going to mean once the annexation was completed."

According to Town of Didsbury municipal projects specialist Brittany Hutton, the town is currently in the process of reconfiguring

animal licensing bylaws to take into account the nature of the land being acquired through annexation.

"There will be some leniencies because [the annexed land] is a farm zoning right now," said Hutton. "As [annexed residents] come into the community we want to make sure that it's an easy transition for them and it's not a burden on them."

The town has been notifying the appropriate utility companies and the various school districts as well as emergency services of the changeover.

An informational session for all residents affected by the annexation is being planned for early March.

In addition, said Hutton, "We're putting together welcome packages and information packages for all the new residents so they're aware of the new bylaws that might impact them."

"We want to make sure that they're able to maintain the lifestyle that they have."

"We don't want to necessitate them to have angst about coming into our community."

Didsbury's recently announced annexation encompasses an area almost twice as large as the land annexed by Carstairs and Olds combined in 2008 and roughly doubles the amount of land within the Town of Didsbury's corporate limits.

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# Commentary

## Distracted driving

### a real danger

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Year in and year out Alberta motorists are told about the dangers of drunk driving and the fact that the consequences of a wrong decision can be far-reaching for victims, their families and for impaired drivers themselves.

Anti-drunk driving groups such as MADD have joined forces with the police, the province, the media and other stakeholders to make the argument that there are many options, but one of them is not drunk driving.

In many cases the message has come across loud and clear and, thankfully, the vast majority of Albertans today look upon drunk driving with disgust.

Now the RCMP is asking drivers to consider another area of danger on Alberta's highways, streets and country roads: the need to avoid distractions when behind the wheel.

Like drunk driving 20 years ago, distracted driving is today a problem in need of a solution.

Throughout February RCMP officers will be stepping up enforcement of distracted driving behaviours such as cellphone use, text messaging, eating, applying makeup and other behaviours with the potential to cause accidents and other mishaps.

"We want to educate people about the dangers of driving while distracted and communicate what could happen if a driver's attention is not focused on driving," says Inspector James Stiles, the RCMP's top Traffic Services officer in Alberta.

"We also want to inform the public about behaviours they may not even know will put them at risk of having a collision, such as engaging in a heated discussion with one or more passengers. Public safety is paramount and police officers will continue to focus on the driving behaviours that put the public at risk."

While exact numbers are hard to come by, the cost of distracted driving accidents is certainly high enough already, both for the individuals involved in mishaps and for the public-at-large in terms of higher insurance, emergency response and policing costs.

And, of course, drivers who cause a collision while using a cellphone or while driving carelessly can face charges under provincial and federal laws.

As part of the new awareness campaign, police are calling on motorists to pull over to eat, drink or take phone or text messages.

While drunk driving should and must continue to be 'Enemy Number One' when it comes to road safety enforcement in Alberta, this latest attempt to tackle the growing problem of distracted driving is a worthwhile effort.

And if local drivers take the message to heart, highways and roads in west central Alberta will be safer for everyone – and who can argue with that?

## Letter to the editor

### 'Angel on earth' remembered

We do meet "angels on earth" every once in a while and the women of Knox United Church met one in Bonny Hartmann.

She came as a volunteer to our Thrift Shop five years ago. She soon spent many hours there – literally managing for us. She and her husband, Brad, organized and rearranged, built shelves and cleaned. She made bank deposits, helped organize volunteers and, if someone couldn't work, she stayed and did their shift. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.

The loss in our community of this beautiful young woman is tragic. We treasure her in our memories and are indebted to Brad, who continues to help in the Thrift Shop.

Ethel Ryckman

Secretary, Knox United Church Women

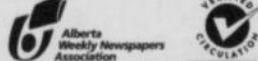
(Editor's note: Bonny Hartmann passed away on Dec. 17, 2008 after a battle with cancer.)

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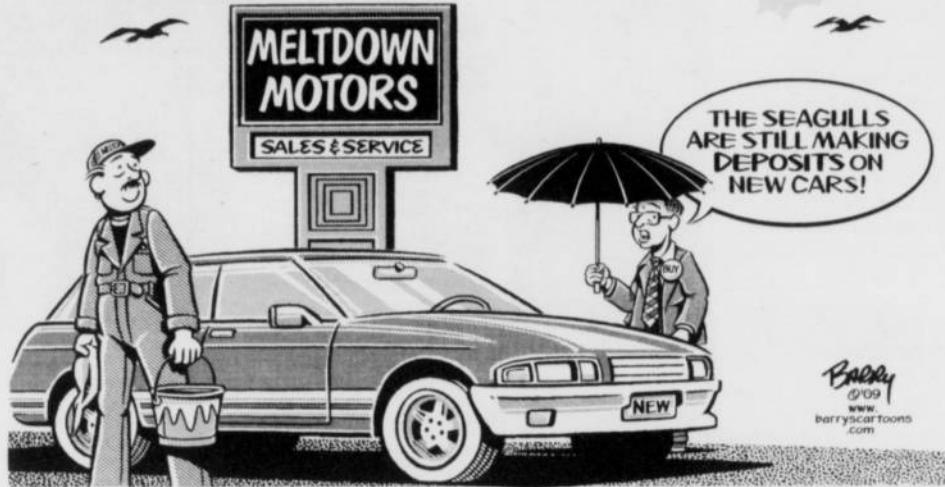
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# Opinion

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TODAY'S CONSUMERS AND SEAGULLS?



## Letter to the editor

### Preschool teacher refutes 'business' model

Re: Comments made in the article 'Preschool project has support of community, council' on page 2 of the Feb. 10, 2009 edition of the Didsbury Review.

It takes a village to raise a child, and a community to build them a new preschool!

How lucky we are to live in a community where children and history are valued so much.

My name is Cherrie Crawford and I have been the teacher at the Didsbury Preschool for 10 years. I have watched every single year as the parent volunteers, the board members of the Didsbury Preschool, have meeting after meeting, and discussion after discussion, trying to come up with idea after idea, brainstorming, adopting and enforcing ideas and then praying that it will be the one idea needed for the Didsbury Preschool Society to become self-sufficient, and keep our costs low and more importantly, keep the preschool fees affordable to every single family hoping their child receives a preschool education.

Ideally, this would be how every person coming through our doors with child in hand would hope it would be.

There would be no more fundraising, no more knocking on doors for donations and we would never, ever have to ask our community for help, our bills would be paid and our building would not be falling down. Our school, the preschool, is owned by the Didsbury Preschool Society.

It was bought and paid for with funds raised by the families, the members of the society over the past 30 years. The Didsbury Preschool building is very, very old and even a business could not save the crumbling foundation and the shifting walls.

I know I personally would be

relieved for the 45 families attending our school this year and the 45-plus families already registered for the 2009-2010 school year, if this was how it is. But this is not how it is or how I believe our preschool was meant to be. If the preschool was operated as a business, keep in mind the families would be clients of a business, one person operating the preschool, and one person would be making all the decisions about the children's preschool education.

There would be no more volunteer hours spent by our board members away from their own families at monthly meetings, racking their brains trying to make our preschool better for the families with children coming next. I know as a business our fees would have to be increased enormously to cover business costs and then a preschool education would probably be unaffordable to many families.

This isn't how it is supposed to be. Being non-profit and parent-operated, our society offers parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's preschool education, and not just the ones on the board. Every family has a say and I think this is important.

Don't get me wrong, I was asked several years ago, when the preschool had hit its personal low, if I was interested in operating it as my own business, and although it sounded great to me, I felt that this is not how this society was meant to be.

Instead I opted that they pay me as a contractor rather than an employee to save them money where CPP and UI, etc., were concerned. A little less outgoing expenses for the preschool and hopefully a little less financial burden. I am not, and never would, say that there is anything wrong with private facilities; we have another amazing preschool in our community that is

wonderful and also a huge asset to our community.

My point, the foundation, and the reason the Didsbury Preschool came to be so many years ago was a group of parents wanting a say in their child's preschool education.

Don't think for one minute that we are not grateful to the community, the Town of Didsbury, and the governments of Alberta and Canada for all their support, every year, to keep us operational and open to the many, many families that have come through our door.

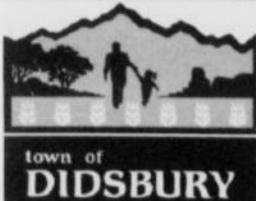
I love my job very, very much and I think that the Didsbury Preschool is and has been, a huge benefit to the children and their families in the Didsbury community.

It has been very scary for me to think that the preschool may not be around next year, and not because of my job. I would be able to find a job, open my own preschool or not work if it came down to the preschool not being here for our community. But what about the children?

I am so grateful to Didsbury and the surrounding communities for the unbelievable support they have shown us in our "Fundraising to Rebuild" efforts. So many people to thank, so many members and businesses of our community that see the preschool as an asset and I thank them personally for helping ensure the Didsbury Preschool Society, a non-profit, volunteer, parent-run, Early Childhood Education facility will be part of our community, affordable and available to our families for many years to come.

*For the children,*  
*Cherrie Crawford*

*Teacher, Didsbury Preschool,  
with the support of the Didsbury  
Preschool Society Board, 2009*



## DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration	403-335-3391
Public Works: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm	403-335-8343
Planning & Development	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	403-335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	403-335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday February 18, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

### 2009 BUDGET REVIEW:

Monday February 23, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Council Chambers. Open to Public.

### DIDSBUY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday March 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (February 13, 2009)*

## NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 13-09 213 Morris Place Deck with Rear Yard Relaxation R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **February 24, 2009**.

*Robert Wigg, Development Officer*

### Rollout Cart Schedule

#### February 2009

Sun	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sat
1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	5	6	7
8	9	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	12	13	14
15	16	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### SNOW REMOVAL

Please be advised that Public Works will be posting signs informing residents that snow removal will be taking place in that area. They will continue throughout the town until all streets are completed. Thank you for your patience.



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**•TODDLER GYM TIME** - Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high-energy hour of activities for your toddlers aged 18 months up to 3 years. This six week program runs Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00am in the MPR from Mar 5 - Apr 16. Cost is \$35.00.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719



### COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

Come out and support the Skatepark Committee in this fun Family Event! Friday, February 27, 2009 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Doors open at 6:00pm - Movie begins at 7:00pm. Showing "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. Cost is \$15/family (up to 5) or \$5/person. Concession Available. Please call 403-335-8719 to purchase tickets or for more information.

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The Didsbury Aquatic Center reopens on Feb. 16, 2009

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Didsbury Community Services Department is looking for an adult/ teenage FACILITATOR to run a very popular Town of Didsbury program.

**Sports for Shorts** - This program runs six consecutive Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in the Didsbury Multi-Purpose Room. This is a basic introduction to organized sports and games for children aged 3-5 years old. The successful candidate will be responsible, enthusiastic and love spending time with children.

Please apply to:

Nicole Aasen, Manager of Community Services  
Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0  
Email: [naasen@didsbury.ca](mailto:naasen@didsbury.ca)  
Phone: (403) 335-8719  
Fax (403) 335-9794

*Application deadline: February 20, 2009*

### ATTENTION HOME OWNERS! IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER POSTED?

As per Town of Didsbury Bylaw 2006-12 all properties must have the assigned number displayed. This number is to be displayed at all times at a location plainly visible from the roadway to which the property is addressed.

If you are unsure of your property address number, please contact the Town of Didsbury at 403-335-3391.

### Public Sale of Land

(Municipal Government Act)

#### TOWN OF DIDSBUY

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Didsbury will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. the following lands:

Title No.	Lot	Block	Plan
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Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the Town of Didsbury makes no representation and gives no warranty, whatsoever, as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, vacant possession, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by the Town. No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold.

The Town of Didsbury may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Terms and Conditions: Cash or certified cheque; conditions are 5% non-refundable deposit; balance to be received by the town in 15 business days.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Didsbury, Alberta February 10, 2009.

Roy Brown, Chief Administrative Officer



### REMEMBER TO RENEW & LICENSE YOUR DOG AND/OR CAT

As per Bylaw 2007-09 and Bylaw 2007-10 All Dogs and Cats must be licensed in the Town of Didsbury Regular Price: Animal Licenses: \$15/tag for altered \$30/tag for unaltered

The Animal Control Officer will be issuing warnings and fines for animals without a tag. Call 403-335-3391 for more information



**Feb. 7**

10 p.m. - Police received a report of two suspicious female youths trying to get into cars. The complainant did not provide a description of the individuals and police patrols could not locate them.

**Feb. 8**

12:20 a.m. - Police responded to a complaint of a loud party in progress at a Didsbury residence. Upon arriving at the residence, police observed youths on the street and in the driveway yelling and throwing objects. The party was shut down and the kids were sent home.

12:30 p.m. - A vehicle in

Didsbury was reported to police as having had its back window smashed out. Police currently have no suspects.

1 p.m. - Police received a report that the door of a shed near the Didsbury baseball diamonds had been smashed open. The complainant did not know if anything had been taken.

1 p.m. - Police received a complaint from a male saying he had been threatened by another driver while travelling on a road in Mountain View County.

**Feb. 9**

7:50 a.m. - Police received a report that a

Carstairs business had been broken into and some money taken. Police indicate that an alarm call had been received at 3 a.m. that morning, but that the alarm company had then incorrectly informed them that it was a false alarm and should be disregarded.

5 p.m. - A Carstairs resident contacted police reporting that he had received a suspicious call requesting that he pay a fee to renew his vehicle insurance and registration.

Police confirmed that the

call was indeed a phone scam.

5:45 p.m. - Police received a complaint of several youths in Didsbury skateboarding in the street and refusing to move for vehicles. Police attended and reminded the youths that vehicles have the right-of-way on the road.

8 p.m. - A delivery truck became stuck on a Mountain View County road, blocking an access road. Police received a complaint from the driver of the truck that another

vehicle had pulled up and that the driver of that vehicle had assaulted him.

**Feb. 10**

1:10 p.m. - Police received a report from Water Valley that someone had cut the chains of a gate at a ranch and stolen several bales of hay.

3:50 p.m. - Police received a report of a single vehicle accident in Didsbury. While making a turn, the vehicle had slid on a patch of ice and went through a fence.

**Feb. 11**

7:51 a.m. - A vehicle was

reported to be driving erratically and almost hitting the ditch on the QEII Highway. Police determined that the vehicle was registered to a company, which was then contacted regarding its driver.

10 a.m. - A Carstairs business reported to police that an individual had been writing NSF cheques totalling almost \$400.

10:30 p.m. - Police received a complaint from a Didsbury resident that a semi-trailer truck had been left idling on a residential street and was causing a lot of noise. Police attended and advised the driver that such trucks are not permitted within town limits.

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The Minister will appoint members to the Council to represent industry's input to the Corporation in developing marketing plans. The Minister will also designate one of the members as Chair and one of the members as Vice-Chair.

Successful candidates must possess a working knowledge of Alberta's tourism industry and tourism marketing experience. Must be a team player with a broad vision for tourism potential in Alberta, and be able to represent a range of stakeholder interest.

Must be committed to supporting Alberta tourism growth through excellence in strategic marketing.

Council members will be appointed for a one, two, or three year term commencing March 31. Members are required to attend meetings in various Alberta locations. This is a voluntary position, and members receive travel expenses only to attend meetings. Competition Number 54694. Closing Date: March 2, 2009

Online applications are preferred. To apply online visit [www.jobs.alberta.ca](http://www.jobs.alberta.ca) or submit your resume to: Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Tourism Division, 6th Floor Commerce Place, 10155 - 102 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4L6. Phone: (780) 427-3164. Fax: (780) 427-6454.

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Tim DenOudsten/Didsbury Review

**SKY SCRAPER** - Senior lifeguard Natasha Walker scrapes rust from a beam over the waterslide at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The facility re-opened on Feb. 16 after undergoing annual maintenance, including the resurfacing of the pool basin and the installing of new storage lockers.

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# Lottery winner Hawaii bound with winnings

BY MARK LAYCOCK  
For the Review

When one thinks of winning the lottery they think of giant cheques with about six zeros on them immediately preceded by a camera flash and a few handshakes.

It wasn't quite that big of an occasion for Connie Ashley of Carstairs when she claimed her winnings from a ticket she bought in the Western 649, but she's not complaining about being two zeros short.

Ashley walked away with a cheque for \$50,000 in December.

"I didn't believe it until the cheque was in my hand," Ashley explains when asked how she felt when she won. "They took my picture and said I won but until I got that cheque I couldn't believe I won the money."

Ashley says her reaction was a little different than her family's.

"They were really happy for me. They were wishing it could be more so they could get a share but they were really excited about it," she said with a laugh.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Olds



Mark Laycock/For the Review

**BIG BUCKS** - Connie Ashley of Carstairs holds up a Western 649 ticket. Connie was the lucky recipient of \$50,000 in December.

Sobeys on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day she called the winning numbers line on the back of the ticket and that's when she found out which numbers matched, but because everyone was off

for Christmas she had to wait until the following Saturday to get confirmation on her win.

She later drove to St. Albert where she met with Western Canadian Lottery Corporation

members who greeted her with congratulations and a list of questions.

Ashley explains that when winners arrive, representatives have to

*"I didn't believe it until the cheques was in my hand. They took my picture and said I won but until I got that cheque I couldn't believe I won the money."*

CONNIE ASHLEY  
Carstairs lottery winner

was checked, if she bought more than one ticket and so on.

Ashley explains that she buys two tickets a week, a Western 649 and a Lotto 649, both using quick picks. Her winning ticket was the first ticket she had bought outside of Carstairs in some time.

Once she received her cheque, lottery representatives provided her with some resources including numbers for accountants and assistance for how she could disperse the money if she wished—something targeted primarily at million dollar winners she explains.

Of course the burning question on everyone's mind is what will she do with the winnings?

"Other than stashing some away and paying off some bills...we're going to have a beautiful trip to Hawaii."

She admits the trip was booked prior to her win, but she says the extra cash will make the trip a little more exciting.

Ashley says she will continue to buy her weekly lottery tickets with one thought on her mind.

"I can't wait for it to happen again."



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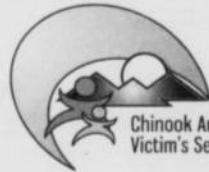
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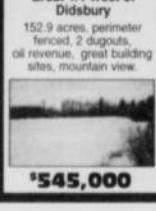
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## In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

The Didsbury Agricultural Society annual general meeting was held in mid January. Following is the board of directors:

**Chairman, Ken Anderson**  
**Vice-chair, Craig Anderson**  
**Second vice-chair, Chris Israelson**  
**Treasurer, Shari Wareham**  
**Secretary, Ralene Papke**

Lorna Richmond at 403-335-4494 is the Events Coordinator. The first event is the Light Horse Show meeting tonight, Feb. 17 at the curling rink at 7 p.m. Fifteen directors volunteered to serve on the board.

### Thursday, Feb. 19

All seniors are welcome to come to Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) after 1:30 p.m. for a social afternoon. Refreshments served.

### Friday, Feb. 20

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Come and join in the games and enjoy the coffee and goodies served, and the visiting.

### Saturday, Feb. 21

If you are looking to enjoy an evening out, this is the one. The Polyesters will be on stage in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Complex at 8 p.m. You can get tickets at the Didsbury library by phoning 403-335-4281. This is a family-friendly evening as a fundraiser for the library.

### Monday, Feb. 23

The annual general meeting of the Didsbury 5-0 Club will start at 1:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. All members are urged to attend. New residents in the community, 50 years-plus, are more than welcome to attend to learn about all the activities of the club.

The Didsbury and area support group for friends and families of people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia meets at Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 to 9 p.m. Please phone Dolina at 403-335-9848 for more information.

### Wednesday, Feb. 25

To reserve your seat on the community bus casino trip to Calgary, phone Bea at 403-335-3058.

The Men's Open Bonspiel starts tonight. Come and cheer your team on to victory.

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# Community news

## Bonspiel results

### Ladies' Bonspiel

The Didsbury Ladies Curling League hosted its annual bonspiel Jan. 30 until Feb. 1. This year's theme was "A Night Out in the 80s". Sixteen teams competed in the four-event bonspiel. This consisted of nine teams from our own league and seven outside teams. Teams took a trip back in time and dressed in their best 80s attire for the Saturday night banquet and participated in a karaoke competition. A great time was had by all. Winners for thespiel were as follows:

D Event: The Karen Chernow rink from our own ladies league beat out another home rink entered by Colleen Dougan.

C Event: Winner was Ella Bishop's rink from Carstairs after beating Niki Brown's rink from Olds in the final.

B Event: Janelle Turnbull's rink from Didsbury beat out Chrystal Wilshusen's rink (home rink).

A Event: Our own ladies rink skipped by Lana Mousseau won the A event over Sandra Stone's team from Carstairs in the A final with a draw to the button to break the tie after eight ends.

It was a great bonspiel overall, with some great memories and great curling.

### Men's Bonspiel

Thirteen teams competed in this year's bonspiel held Feb. 6 to 8. Event winners:

A Event: Mark Sheehan, Bert Pringle, West Thomas, and no fourth. (They managed to curl with three throughout the weekend). Didsbury runner-up: Brothers Brian Wittal, Randy Wittal, Greg Wittal, and Shawn Wittal.

B Event: Won by Jeff Holmes, Kent Clifford, Gary Gaudette, Barry Kardos, Olds. Runner-up: Moe Groves, Evan Ingram, Allan Dowell, Chris Gaudrey, Carstairs.

C Event: Mitch Rauhala, Brian Braun, Rod Rauhala, Braeden Rauhala, Didsbury. Runner-up: Barry Reese, Greg Reese, Cody Atkinson, Gary Anning, Didsbury.

The Stick Curling Bonspiel with the new format was a huge success. Forty-six two-person teams were entered and the winners were:

Tuesday: Jack Marr and Homer Touchette, Garrison Club, Calgary Wednesday: Carson Schultz and Garry Sherman, Didsbury

Thursday: Byron Waters, Innisfail, Lyle Craven, Didsbury

- Submitted

Library Operating Grant, and the Rural Services Transfer payment because Mountain View County is a member in the Parkland Regional Library System. However, Alberta Libraries have not had an increase in the Provincial Operating Grant for 15 years, and more funds are needed to help with the programs and services offered at the Didsbury Library.

Please help your library by attending this event.

- Submitted

## Didsbury Figure Skating Club News

Congratulations go out to all the Didsbury Star Skaters who attended the recent Caroline Fun Meet in Caroline. We had eight skaters attend and they racked up seven medals (one gold, one silver, and five bronzes.) Competing for Didsbury were Elizabeth Thompson, Mattea Klinck, Shandra Barlow, Kaira Hall, Rebecca Krebs, Bre Redman, Erin Toles and Amanda Trottier. Coaching the team were Cobi Grisack and Dena Wannamaker.

- Submitted



Photo Submitted

**STAR SKATER** - Didsbury figure skater Bre Redman (right) placed second in the skills event at the recent Fun Meet in Caroline.

## Polyesters sing for books

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 21 when Didsbury's favourite band, The Polyesters, sing their hearts out for a Didsbury Municipal Library fundraiser at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Memorial Complex.

Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Features include a cash bar, snacks, a silent auction and door prizes.

Tickets are just \$15 per person. You can get them at the library or phone Marge Steckler at 403-335-4281.

The Town of Didsbury provides, maintains, and staffs the library, with the assistance of the annual Provincial

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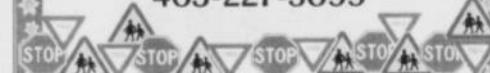
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# Didsbury in Review

## A look back

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN  
*Didsbury Review*

This is the first in a series of features examining the history of Didsbury as chronicled by its newspapers.

We begin, appropriately, in the very early days of the town, when the local newspaper was known as the Didsbury Pioneer.

### 95 years ago - 1904

A year's subscription to the Didsbury Pioneer and Montreal Herald could be purchased for just one dollar.

### New grist mill and elevator planned

The Board of Trade accepted a proposition to build a grist mill and elevator in Didsbury "at once," the Didsbury Pioneer announced in a front page story.

The builder - enigmatically described as "an eastern gentleman" - planned to construct a large mill and a 25,000-bushel-capacity grain elevator at a total cost of between \$12,000 and \$18,000, which is about \$275,000 to \$410,000 in today's dollars.

### Didsbury wheat samples 'first-class'

A representative of Columbia Milling Co., referred to only as "Mr. Black of Enderby, BC," visited Didsbury to examine samples of the wheat grown here. He "declared them to be first-class," and announced that he would buy all wheat at market prices.

### War news

A decade before the start of the First World War, the Pioneer included extensive front-page coverage of the Russo-Japanese War, which began in 1904 and ended the following year.

At issue was a mutual desire to establish control over parts of Manchuria and Korea. The Pioneer made no secret of which side of the conflict it supported, writing that, "the Czar himself will visit [a contingent of newly trained reserves] and inspire the men with a resolve to drive the Japanese into the sea."

Russia ultimately lost the war.

### Turn of the century humour

The Pioneer included in its pages a num-

ber of jokes, including the following:

Q: "What makes more noise than a pig in a sty?"

A: "Two pigs."

Q: "Why do little birds in their nests agree?"

A: "For fear of falling out."

### 70 years ago - 1929

The cost for the Pioneer was now two dollars for a yearly subscription or five cents per copy.

"The Bellamy Trial" and "King of Kings" were showing at the Didsbury Opera House.

### Large Acreage Ready for Crop

Acreage ready for the 1929 crop in Alberta amounted to just over 3.65 million acres, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. "On the whole, Alberta will this year have in readiness for crop the largest acreage of any year in its history," wrote the Pioneer.

### New phone line

A new telephone line to Calgary via Camrose and Alix was being planned for

construction by Alberta Government Telephones. "This line will...provide an emergency route in the event of the event of the main line being damaged by storm," said the Pioneer.

### Canadian to go over Niagara Falls...again

After making one trip over the falls the previous year, French-Canadian Jean Lussier stated that he would attempt the feat again in a "specially constructed...parlor ball"...that will be six feet in diameter," said the Pioneer. The ball would be electrically lighted, padded to prevent serious injury and constructed so as to remain upright for the entire journey.

### Danube River overflows

In the worst flood since 1873, thousands of families along the right bank of the Danube River in what was then Czechoslovakia lost their homes, cattle and other belongings. "The great river, which is choked with millions of tons of thawing ice, was rising steadily and threatened disaster," the Pioneer wrote. Church bells along the 1,800-mile-long river warned residents to flee for their lives.

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# Community Resources

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Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL** - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

**DIDSBUY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 403-335-4487 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.** Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281.

**DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

**DIDSBUY SHUTTLE BUS** Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE** Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN.** View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

**DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For

information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

**HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall** rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

**RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL** Delta @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Schumaker 403-335-2861. • To Rent Didsbury Elk Hall. Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-7245. • To Rent the Long Pine Hall, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group rentals, call John 403-335-8860. • The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings and social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

**SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL.** Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts.

Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

**DIDSBUY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIERS** invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36tn

**DIDSBUY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Karen Smith

403-556-7331

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

**DIDSBUY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson. 403-335-7283.

**DIDSBUY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVERTREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC** Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westgate School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBUY MUSEUM OPEN** 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Joan 403-335-6644 or Shirley 403-335-3277

**DIDSBUY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY bus.** Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S**

meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-335-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT** or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of

God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

**BABY DROP IN** starting in September @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to have your baby weighed, talk to a public health nurse & meet other new parents of babies.

**DIDSBUY MUSEUM** is closed for tours to allow us to do electrical work throughout the building. However, our office will remain open during the winter months for business and research on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 1pm - 4pm.

**DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE** supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

**SUPPER INVITATION** - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

**FEB. 13-15** Bryan Moyer Suderman presents "My Money Matters" - how stewardship of money matters to God. All age, interactive concert Fri. @ 7:00 pm. Soup lunch provided on Sat. Detail, call 335-4451 or 337-2134. RSVP appreciated.

**DIDSBUY HORSE SHOW** Organizational meeting. Tuesday Feb 17 at the Curling Rink "Hogline Meeting Room" Everyone welcome.

**DIDSBUY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE** is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

**DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** March 5 Board Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Train Station Office. Volunteer board members needed! For information call 403-335-4391

**GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA** - For fun, friendship and adventure! Join anytime. Units are running in Olds (Mondays) & Didsbury (Wed/Thurs). Contact Karen 403-556-6881. Coming Events: Spring Cookie Day - May 2/09, 10am To 3pm Didsbury Train Station.

## Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

### Anglican Church of Canada

**St. Cyprian's**  
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664  
Rector - Rev. Bonnie S. Luft  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.  
Sunday School will start back in September.

### Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue  
Minister Nancy Nourse  
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday.  
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.  
Sunday School provided for ages 3-17.  
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles  
Pastor Trevor Kraka, info - 337-2020

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available during service.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

### Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,  
8km E on Bergthal Rd.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury  
For more information please contact  
Claude Baril - 335-3842  
Catholic Women's League:  
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

Knights of Columbus, Gary McNeil - 335-8611

### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org  
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor  
John Reimer, Associate Pastor  
(Life Groups & Worship)  
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor  
(Global Connections & Youth)  
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries  
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
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**SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

## February is heart month

This February, over 15,000 volunteers across Alberta will be knocking on their neighbours' doors asking for donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut, as well as creating awareness about cardiovascular health.

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Albertans' generous contributions during February is Heart Month will provide critical funding to life-saving research – including new therapies and technologies – as well as health education and public health advocacy.

Together, heart disease and stroke are still the leading cause of death in Canada. In fact, every seven minutes, a Canadian dies of a cardiovascular event. Every seven minutes, a family is thrown into crisis.

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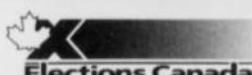
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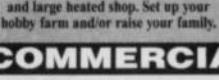
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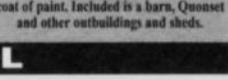
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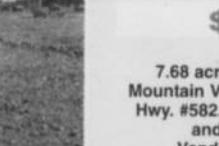
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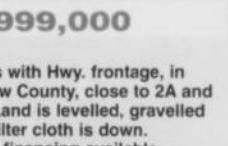
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